



Governor Brian Schweitzer

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BOARD OF NURSING

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Helen Melland, PhD, RN
Dean of the College of Nursing
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Dear Dean Melland,

The Board of Nursing (BON) is pleased to provide you with this letter documenting the unanimous approval of acceptance on July 14, 2010 of the Special Report submitted June 14, 2010 to the BON titled: ***Accelerated Option for Post-baccalaureate Students in the Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing (BSN) program.***

The BON was in agreement of the documented need for this option for students in our state and how this option is an excellent use of state resources for providing an increase to the number of professional nurses available for employment in Montana. We commend you for the planning and cooperative work this special report demonstrates.

Montana State University College of Nursing has an excellent reputation as a premier institution for nursing education in the state and region. The edition of this accelerated option will contribute to the types of educational offerings in nursing provided to the citizens of Montana.

On behalf of the Board,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cynthia Z. Gustafson".

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